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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

Type of Declaration

This declaration is made in an original application for utility patent.

Inventorship and Specification Identification

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled IMPLANTABLE VASCULAR AND ENDOLUMINAL STENTS, the specification of which is was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 14, 1996, and assigne Serial No. 08/599,880.

Acknowledgement of Review of Papers and Duty of Candor

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims thereof.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56(a).

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